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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, KANSAS CITY, AND PITTSBURGH
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST; AND BUFFALO TEL TO
BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY NINE INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH NAMES SIMILAR TO ALIASES
OF SUBJECT RAY CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE REPORTS CONTINUING.

CHARLES DUNHAM INTERVIEWED. HAS NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE RE
ASSASSINATION. HOWEVER, SAYS HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM
DOUGLAS MERRELL, MANAGER, CATACOMBS, ATLANTA, GA., (HIPPIE CLUB),
THAT ONE BILLY MACK WISDOM, FBI NO. SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN FIVE ZERO
SIX D WAS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION. WISDOM REPORTEDLY
SERVING TIME IN GA. STATE PENITENTIARY ON RECENT BURGLARY
CONVICTION. WISDOM'S INCARCERATION IS BEING VERIFIED THROUGH
GA. STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS. WISDOM IDENTICAL WITH WESLEY,
WELSTON, OR WESTON MENTIONED IN RE BUFFALO TEL.

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MIAMI ADVISED IN RE TEL THAT ONE HERRAN FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO FIVE DASH TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE AND THAT JOHN WILLARD FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, WITH CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA.

RECORDS OF DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O., WILLARD, WITHEROW RD., SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON AND CO., INC., WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE ON APR. ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MAR. SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL APR. SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK LIC. THREE EIGHT THREE TWO DASH W X. PITTSBURGH CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

ATLANTA TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO FIVE DASH TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE IS LISTED TO DOWNTOWN MOTEL, THREE THREE ZERO W. PEACHTREE ST., ATLANTA. RECORDS OF DOWNTOWN MOTEL REFLECT THAT MARVIN W. HERREN, ONE ZERO SIX ZERO SIX, WESTBROOKE DR., SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSAS, REPRESENTING GORDON JOHNSON CO., KANSAS CITY, WAS REGISTERED IN ROOM THREE TWO SIX OF THE MOTEL ON APR. NINE LAST.

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KANSAS CITY, AT SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSA, AND AT KANSAS CITY.
CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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REMYTEL MAY ONE LAST.

JAMES W. BROWN REINTERVIEWED MAY NINE LAST AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

BROWN MET RAY THROUGH RAY'S "PERSONAL FRIEND," JOHNNIE VALENTI, SHORTLY AFTER ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY. BROWN WAS DOING TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR MURDER AFTER CONVICTION IN KANSAS CITY, MO., VALENTI WAS DOING TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY AFTER CONVICTION IN KANSAS CITY. ACCORDING TO BROWN, VALENTI AND BROWN WERE IN KANSAS CITY JAIL AT SAME TIME (BUT DIFFERENT TANKS), PRIOR TO BEING SENT TO JEFFERSON CITY, MO. AT TIME OF FIRST MEETING, RAY WAS INVOLVED IN POKER GAME IN THE PRISON YARD. BROWN CLAIMS HE OBSERVED RAY ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION DEAL CARDS LEFT-HANDED. VALENTI INTRODUCED RAY TO BROWN AS "JAMES RAY" BUT EVERYONE CALLED HIM "RAY". AT LATER TIME VALENTI TOLD BROWN THAT HE, VALENTI, AND RAY HAD COMMITTED A ROBBERY.

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OF AN OIL COMPANY IN ATLANTA, GA., PRIOR TO VALENTI'S ARREST IN KANSAS CITY ON ANOTHER ROBBERY CHARGE. VALENTI CLAIMED HE AND RAY HAD WATCHED AN OIL COMPANY FOR A WEEK BEFORE COMMITTING THE ROBBERY ABOUT MIDNIGHT. BROWN BELIEVES VALENTI SAID IT WAS A ROBBERY, BUT THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BURGLARY. BROWN SAID HE WAS SURE VALENTI IDENTIFIED ATLANTA AS THE PLACE OF THE ROBBERY BECAUSE LATER VALENTI TOLD BROWN THAT VALENTI'S WIFE WAS THEN (LATE SIXTYTHREE AND EARLY SIXTYFOUR) LIVING IN ATLANTA, WITH THEIR THREE CHILDREN, THE OLDEST OF WHOM WAS KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN SIXTYFOUR. ABOUT SAME TIME VALENTI'S WIFE QUIT WRITING TO VALENTI AND EFFORTS OF VALENTI THROUGH THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN TO HAVE WIFE RESUME WRITING, WERE NEGATIVE. AT TIME OF MEETING RAY, RAY WAS LIVING IN C HALL, WHILE VALENTI AND BROWN WERE LIVING IN G HALL. VALENTI ALSO CLAIMED TO BROWN THAT AT TIME OF ARREST IN KANSAS CITY, VALENTI HAD THE NAME OF A KANSAS CITY GANGSTER (NAME NOT GIVEN BY VALENTI), IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY AN ASSOCIATE, UNNAMED, IN NEW ORLEANS, AND VALENTI WAS QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY BY KCPD AS TO HIS CONNECTIONS WITH THIS GANGSTER. VALENTI TOLD BROWN HE HAD RELATIVES IN BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN ALL HIS CONTACTS WITH RAY, BROWN WAS WITH VALENTI, AND
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SOMETIMES OTHER PRISONERS WERE PRESENT, NAMES UNRECALLED, OTHER THAN POSSIBLY "NOONEY" EDEN OR EATON (PH), FROM C HALL. RAY AND BROWN NEVER HAD ANY INVOLVED CONVERSATIONS, BUT BROWN WAS PRESENT ON ABOUT FOUR OCCASIONS WHEN RAY AND VALENTI WOULD DISCUSS THINGS. AMONG ITEMS DISCUSSED WAS ESCAPE BY EACH. RAY SAID HE WOULD RUNNEL OUT OF THE PRISON IF NECESSARY AND GO TO LIBERIA WHERE HE HAD A BROTHER-IN-LAW MAKING GOOD MONEY. NO OTHER INFORMATION RECALLED ABOUT ALLEGED BROTHER-IN-LAW. ON ANOTHER OCCASION RAY SAID HE KNEW A CAVE IN VIRGINIA WHERE HE COULD HIDE ONCE HE ESCAPED. CONCERNING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, VALENTI ONCE SAID TO RAY THAT VALENTI DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE SHOULD KILL THE PRESIDENT, BUT RAY SAID HE, RAY, WOULD HAVE DONE IT HIMSELF, IF HE WOULD HAVE HAD THE CHANCE, AND THAT KENNEDY WAS "NOTHING BUT A DAMN CATHOLIC." ACCORDING TO BROWN, RAY WAS VERY ANTI-CATHOLIC AND ANTI-NEGRO. ON ANOTHER OCCASION IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, BROWN CLAIMED HE OVERHEARD RAY SAY TO VALENTI THAT HE, RAY, WAS GOING TO GET OUT OF THE PEN, AND THAT RAY KNEW A GUY NAMED "COLLEY" (PH) WHO WOULD HIDE RAY WHERE NO ONE WOULD FIND HIM. ALSO THIS COOLEY WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANYONE WHO WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. RAY WAS AWARE THAT BROWN CAME FROM ALABAMA, BUT DID NOT TALKE TO HIM

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ABOUT ANY TOWNS IN ALABAMA, EXCEPT THAT BIRMINGHAM WAS A GOOD TOWN TO STEAL IN, AND THAT RAY HAD STOLEN A CAR IN BIRMINGHAM, BEFORE GETTING SENT TO THE MISSOURI PEN.

CREDIBILITY OF BROWN HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DATE, AND IT HAS BEEN NOTED HE HAS FURNISHED CONFLICTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSONAL HABITS OF RAY, SUCH AS RAY BEING LEFT-HANDED, WALKING PIGEON-TOED AND SMOKING WINSTON CIGARETTES. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT IN FIRST INTERVIEW, BROWN CLAIMED RAY HATED KENNEDY BECAUSE HE WAS A "NIGGER-LOVING SOB," WHEREAS THIS TIME BROWN CLAIMED RAY HATED KENNEDY BECAUSE HE WAS A CATHOLIC. BROWN CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW RAY'S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION. BROWN CLAIMS HE KNEW NOTHING OF ANY LOTTERIES BEING OPERATED IN THE PRISON, NOR OF ANY ORGANIZATION OF PRISONERS WHO WOULD COLLECT DEBTS, AND ACT AS A PROTECTIVE AGENCY FOR THE PRISONERS. HE CLAIMED COOLEY WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME WAS MENTIONED ONLY BY RAY AND HE NEVER HEARD THIS NAME MENTIONED BY ANY OTHER PRISONER. BROWN ALSO STATES THAT "A" HALL WAS FOR NEGRO PRISONERS, WHEREAS THOMAS BRITTON (SEE MYTEL OF MAY NINE LAST) HAD CLAIMED "A" HALL WAS FOR TRUSTEES.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES ADVISE BIRMINGHAM IF JOHNNIE VALENTI HAS BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. IF SO, SUTEL BIRMINGHAM RESULTS OF THIS INTERVIEW.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FROM PRISON RECORDS, FURNISH FOLLOWING:
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IDENTITY OF PRISONER "NOONEY" EDEN PH OR EATON, WHO, IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, WAS DOING FIVE YAEAR SENTENCE. IF IDENTIFIED, SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED FOR HIS KNOWLEDTGE OF RAY AND VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THOMAS BRITTON AND/OR JAMES W. BROWN. ASCERTAIN FROM RECORDS RE VALENTI, IF HE, OR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, EVER LIVED IN ATLANTA, AND IF HIS OLDEST CHILD WAS KILLED, AS CLAIMED BY BROWN. IF THIS INFORMATION VERIFIED, SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE WIFE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFORMATION SHE HAS RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HER HUSBAND, JOHNNIE VALENTI, AND RAY, AND IF THEY WERE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY OF OIL COMPANY IN ATLANTA, PRIOR TO VALENTI'S IMPRISONMENT IN JEFFERSON CITY. IN EFFORT TO VERIFY BROWN'S INFORMATION, ASCERTAIN IF RAY RESIDED IN "C" HALL IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, AND IF AT THAT TIME, RAY WAS WORKING IN THE LICENSE PLATE FACTORY. FROM RECORDS OF KANSAS CITY PD, ASCERTAIN IF BROWN AND VALENTI WERE IN CUSTODY AT SAME TIME, AND IF AT TIME OF VALENTI'S ARREST, THERE WAS SOME INFORMATION HE HAD CONNECTION WITH WELL KNOWN KANSAS CITY "GANGSTER." KANSAS CITY ALSO FURNISH BIRMINGHAM PHOTOS AND DESCRIPTION OF VALENTI.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ROBBERY REFERRED TO BY BROWN.

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED ST. LOUIS, AS BIRMINGHAM'S LAST INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF VALENTI, WAS THAT HE WAS IN ST. LOUIS.

CORRECTION:PG 3 LN 5 WD 9 IS "TUNNEL" PG 4 LN 8 WD 7 IS "KENNEDY"

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ORLEANS (157-10673) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 6P

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PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, WHITE,
MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT BELDEN, MISS., SIX FOOT ONE,
ONE EIGHTYFIVE LBS., DIRTY BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, CONTACTED CHICAGO
PD, WAS TURNED OVER TO CHICAGO FBI AND EXTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED
EARLY MAY TEN, INSTANT.

PHILLIPS APPEARS EMOTIONALLY BALANCED. HE FREELY
IDENTIFIED AND DISCUSSED IN DETAIL MANY OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED
IN REPORT OF SA SAM H. ALLEN, JR., MEMPHIS, APRIL TWO FOUR,
SIXTYTWO, IN CASE "HALL COOPER BOURLAND; ETAL; OOJ," BUFILE
SEVEN TWO DASH ONE THREE NINE ZERO, MEMPHIS SEVEN TWO DASH THREE
THREE, FROM WHICH CHICAGO CONCLUDES HE OBVIOUSLY IS WELL
ACQUAINTED WITH PERSONS HE DISCUSSED.

PHILLIPS SAYS HE RAN RESTAURANT SHANNON, MISSISSIPPI,
UNTIL ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS REALLY FRONT FOR ILLEGAL
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WHISKEY SALE. HE PAID FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS MONTHLY TO SHERIFF, ONE HUNDRED TO JUSTICE OF PEACE AND ONE HUNDRED TO CONSTABLE, BUT BUSINESS GOT SO BAD HE HAD TO QUIT BECAUSE COULD NOT PAY PROTECTION.

THE BIGGEST ILLEGAL "BOOZE" OPERATOR IS CARL MURPHY, JR., (SEE REREP SA ALLEN), WHITE, MALE, BORN LEE COUNTY, MISS., FIVE FOOT TEN, ONE NINETY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, RESIDENCE ROUTE ONE, TUPELO, MISS. PHILLIPS HAS KNOWN MURPHY ALL HIS LIFE AND ENGAGED IN "BOOZE" DEALS WITH HIM. AFTER MISSISSIPPI WENT "WET", PHILLIPS WANTED TO SELL ONLY TAXED LIQUOR

WHILE MURPHY DEMANDED SALE OF BOTH TAXED LIQUOR AND "MOONSHINE."

PHILLIPS STATES THAT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, CANNOT BETTER FIX DATE, MURPHY TALKED TO HIM AT A SERVICE STATION SOMETIME AFTER "SELMA MARCH" BOOK PUBLISHED, AND OFFERED HIM TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO "HIT KING," WHICH OFFER DECLINED. PHILLIPS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC REASON WHY MURPHY WOULD WANT TO KILL KING, UNLESS FOR MONEY, AS MURPHY WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. IN ADDITION PHILLIPS BELIEVES MURPHY HIGH IN WHITE HATE GROUP, PROBABLY KU KLUX KLAN, AND FRIENDLY WITH IMPERIAL WIZARD SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, ALABAMA.

ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO GROUP OF LAWYERS IN TUPELO, MISS.,
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INCLUDING PETE MITCHELL, JOHN SHANDS (WHOSE BROTHER IS CITY JUDGE), AND (FNU) ROGERS, GOT UP A BIG MEETING, HANDED OUT LITERATURE, AND IT WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE AREA THIS WAS ACTUALLY KKK GROUP ALTHOUGH CALLED SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME.

PHILLIPS SAID THAT IN ABOUT SIXTYTWO, MURPHY HIRED J.W. RILEY TO KILL JAMES "GRUBBY" GRUBBS, WHO HAD "BOOZE" TERRITORY BUT WOULD NOT BUY FROM MURPHY. RILEY SHOT GRUBBS WITH SHOTGUN, MURPHY WAS PRESENT, AND DAVID SCOTT DROVE CAR. RILEY AND MURPHY WERE INDICTED, RILEY WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER. RILEY SERVED FOUR YEARS, GOT OUT, AND WAS KILLED BY FBI AGENTS IN SHOOT OUT AFTER HICKORY FLATS, MISS., BR. PHILLIPS SAYS WORD IS THAT MURPHY SET UP RILEY ON BR AND FOR COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

PHILLIPS DOES NOT BELIEVE SCOTT WAS TRIED FOR MURDER AND IN PAST FEW YEARS SCOTT, WHO REMAINS CLOSE TO MURPHY, SUDDENLY OBTAINED FARM, CATTLE AND HOME ABOUT ONE AND ONE - HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF BELDEN, MISS. PHILLIPS SAYS PERSON JUST DOES NOT BECOME SO AFFLUENT THESE DAYS IN MISSISSIPPI WITHOUT "REAL CROOKED CONTACTS."

PHILLIPS CLAIMS USED TO WORK FOR GRUBBS AND WAS TOLD BY SCOTT BEFORE KILLING TO TAKE OFF FOR ST. LOUIS, AS THEY WERE GOING TO

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KILL GRUBBS. PHILLIPS CLAIMS THEY "CHASED GRUBBS ALL OVER THE COUNTY" BEFORE KILLING HIM.

MURPHY REPORTEDLY KILLED JOHN OLIVER YOUNGER AND BOBBY PITTMAN EAST OF BELDEN, MISS., AT MURPHY RESIDENCE, ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THEY BROUGHT TRAILER LOAD OF "BOOZE" TO MURPHY AND WHEN ASKED FOR PAY HE KILLED THEM, SHOT HIMSELF IN STOMACH WITH TWENTY TWO CALIBER, CLAIMED SELF DEFENSE AND SHERIFF FRANK CARTER, WHO WAS CROOKED WITH MURPHY, NEVER EVEN INVESTIGATED CRIME.

PHILLIPS CLAIMS MURPHY CAN "GETAWAY WITH NEARLY ANYTHING," ALTHOUGH HAS BEEN TO BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE PRISON, BUT MAKES MORE MONEY IN PRISON THAN OUT. WHENEVER CHARGED ALWAYS TRY TO BRIBE JURY AND GENERALLY DOES, OR NEVER GETS TO JURY THROUGH BRIBES TO POLICE, SHERIFF OR JUDGES.

PHILLIPS VISITED HIS MOTHER, MRS. JETTIE L. KEY, FIVE SEVEN FIVE EAST MAIN ST., BALDWIN, MISS., FROM ABOUT APRIL EIGHTEEN TO TWENTYNINE, LAST, AND TALK AROUND TOWN ABOUT KING SLAYING WAS THAT MURPHY "GOT AWAY WITH ANOTHER ONE." PHILLIPS HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION BUT BELIEVES MURPHY EITHER WAS INVOLVED IN OR KNOWS WHO KILLED KING AND GOT SOME MONEY OUT OF IT. PHILLIPS PERSONALLY FEELS MURPHY AND KKK INVOLVED IN MURKIN.

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MURPHY HAS MANY CONTACTS IN SURROUNDING STATES. DEALS WITH SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, MAKES FREQUENT LIQUOR BUYING TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS, AND DEALS IN "BOOZE" WITH EDDIE (LNU) AT CASA NOVA, NIGHT CLUB, CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI. MURPHY HAS MANY TRUCKS ON ROAD AND KEEPS THEM HID IN BARN. HAS UNTOLD NUMBER PLACES WHERE COULD HIDE FUGITIVE, PARTICULARLY IN UNION COUNTY AND AS SCOTT FARM.

PHILLIPS VOLUNTEERED FOREGOING AS "GOOD CITIZEN." HE HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING, BUT WHEN SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED, SAID WOULD RETURN TUPELO AREA TO HELP BUREAU IF HAD JOB AS FRONT. HAS SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION AND APPEARS FAIRLY SHREWD FROM "SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS." SAYS HE IS KNOWN BOOTLEGGER IN MISSISSIPPI, DOES NOT WANT TO CARRY ON THIS TRADE, BUT COULD EASILY "GET INTO THE STREAM OF THINGS AGAIN." BELIEVES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DISCOVER ANYTHING IMPORTANT TO MURKIN AS ANYONE INVOLVED WOULD BE COMPLETELY CLOSED MOUTHED.

CHICAGO IS UNABLE TO REASONABLY ASSESS FOREGOING DATA FOR AUTHENTICITY OR AS TO PROSPECTS IN MURKIN. PHILLIPS DOES NOT KNOW SUBJECT RAY.

UACB, EACH RECEIVING OFFICE WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW FILES FOR ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING CARL MURPHY, JR. WITH VIEW IN MIND
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OF DETERMINING HIS PRECISE KKK RELATIONSHIP AND ACTIVITIES,
AS WELL AS SEEKING ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT RAY,
EITHER THROUGH CONTACTS IN HIS TRAVELS, IMPRISONMENTS OR COMMON
ACQUAINTANCES. ESTABLISH PRECISE TRAVELS AND WHEREABOUTS PAST
SEVERAL MONTHS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO LOCATE CARL MURPHY, JR. IDENTIFICATION
RECORD AND SUTEL DETAILS OF INCARCERATIONS TO PERMIT LOGICAL
INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DISCOVER CONNECTION WITH RAY.

PHILLIPS HAS PROMISED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH CHICAGO.
HE WAS FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT CHICAGO. DENIES ANY
PRISON SENTENCE.

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On April 24, 1968, SAs JAMES RICHARD FLICK, JOSEPH G. SHEA, and JACK T. BEVERSTEIN interviewed LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, an inmate at the Cobb County Jail, Marietta, Georgia. DOWDA advised he was formerly incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated while at the Missouri State Prison, he was acquainted for approximately three years with JAMES EARL RAY, a fellow inmate. DOWDA advised he was released from the Missouri State Prison on December 23, 1966, and JAMES EARL RAY was still incarcerated. He stated he had been the chief cook at the Missouri State Prison and RAY worked as a bread slicer.

DOWDA advised RAY was the type person the other inmates did not "mess with." He described RAY as a "loner" who usually initiated the conversation if he wanted to talk to anyone. He stated that RAY spoke in a mild, low tone and when angry would speak even softer. He stated he had never known RAY to become excited and shout. To his knowledge, he has never known RAY to smoke. He stated RAY had a fair complexion, which was blotchy, having pimples around the lower portion of his face. He stated RAY had a rash on the right side of his head during the entire time he had known RAY and RAY would scratch this rash. He stated this rash was very noticeable due to the type of haircut in the Penitentiary and RAY put some type of salve on this rash. He stated RAY's hair was lightly streaked with gray. He advised the only scar he can recall which RAY had was a large burn scar on his forearm, side unrecalled. He stated this scar was located near the wrist. He stated RAY had dingy teeth.

DOWDA advised RAY always talked about "running around" in St. Louis, Missouri. He normally talked about two girl friends, one of these he had met at the Gaslight

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(a bar) located in either St. Louis or Kansas City. DOWDA stated the other girl was a girl RAY had met around the college at Columbia, Missouri, and it was his impression this girl had worked in a tavern there.

DOWDA advised RAY, while in prison, wore a ring on his left hand which was made at the Penitentiary, having been made from white metal with raised initials. He stated RAY never smiled, but when he smiled, it looked like a smirk. He advised RAY was clean and not sloppy in his dress. He described RAY as an avid reader and considered RAY to be intelligent. He advised RAY participated in softball games as a pitcher and would watch all of the baseball games at the Penitentiary, however, he had never heard RAY speak of professional baseball.

DOWDA stated that some time in 1966, a group of Black Muslims had petitioned for the right to have their own religious services. He stated the Muslims would congregate in groups and that a subsequent search of the Negro prisoners had uncovered a large cache of weapons. DOWDA stated the white prisoners then armed themselves and there was a riot at the prison. DOWDA stated three Negro prisoners were killed. DOWDA stated he would not say RAY had knifed these Negro prisoners, but did say that if RAY had not knifed them, he definitely knew who had killed them.

DOWDA stated RAY definitely was a racist and hated Negroes. He stated RAY had made the statement and firmly believed that all the Negro prisoners inside the Penitentiary should be killed. He stated RAY had on several occasions made the statement that if the price were right, he would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DOWDA stated he does not recall ever hearing anything which would indicate a "contract" was out for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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DOWDA advised he would not be surprised if JAMES EARL RAY was the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, however, he does not believe RAY would have killed KING without being paid for it.

DOWDA stated approximately four months before he, DOWDA, was released RAY had attempted to escape from the Missouri State Prison by going out of the prison behind the ovens in the prison bakery. He stated RAY was apprehended and RAY had broken his arm in this escape attempt. He stated RAY had talked about escaping from the Penitentiary prior to this. DOWDA advised he does not believe RAY returned from maximum security confinement prior to DOWDA's release from prison.

DOWDA stated while in prison, RAY was particularly interested in Western music. He stated he does not recall RAY ever mentioning anything about dancing. He stated that during this period a number of orchestras from the Lake of the Ozarks had played at the State Prison and RAY would never miss these performances. He stated RAY often talked about planning to go to the Lake of the Ozarks when he got out of prison. DOWDA stated he would have no idea who RAY would contact at the Lake of the Ozarks, but stated if he were to look for RAY there, he would first find out who was selling dope and through this person, locate RAY. He stated RAY had talked about being on dope prior to being in the Missouri State Prison. He advised RAY had to have an outside source of income while in prison inasmuch as RAY's dope habit was costing RAY \$35 to \$40 a week for shots and RAY appeared to be well fixed, never wanting for anything.

DOWDA estimated RAY spent \$15 to \$20 a week for personal conveniences. He stated RAY, while in prison,

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used amphetamine, taking the shot in the "main line." He stated RAY would take two to three shots a day. He stated RAY never lacked for money, but had no idea of RAY's source of income. DOWDA stated he is certain RAY was not selling amphetamine to other prisoners, stating he has known RAY to give free amphetamine to prisoners who needed a shot. DOWDA denied that he himself had ever taken any shots, but admitted he has taken pills. DOWDA claimed he and RAY were not engaged in the sale of amphetamine at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA stated that HAROLD SCHAEFER, Guard on the gate in the kitchen of the Missouri State Prison, was very close to JAMES EARL RAY and it was DOWDA's understanding that SCHAEFER was RAY's source of amphetamine. He stated BENJAMIN O. GOODIN was a civilian in charge of the kitchen and he is certain GOODIN was not connected in any way with the bringing of amphetamine into the prison. He stated while GOODIN was friendly with RAY, he understands it was GOODIN who had disclosed RAY's hiding place when RAY had attempted to escape in 1966.

DOWDA advised one NEIL ABBY (phonetic) was RAY's closest friend in the Missouri State Prison and was responsible for bringing RAY into the kitchen. He stated ABBY at this time was chief cook at the prison. He believes ABBY was serving time for breaking into a drug store and he does know that dope was connected with ABBY's offense. He stated ABBY had a detainer on him as he was an escapee from the State of Texas. DOWDA does not know whether or not ABBY is presently in custody but does not believe he is presently in the Missouri State Prison.

He stated RAY had another friend, one DONALD DEAN RIGGER. He stated RIGGER was from California and RIGGER's wife was a psychiatrist at the Napa State Hospital, which

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is located north of San Francisco, California.

DOWDA advised that RAY and other inmates that might have DOWDA's address would have a Route 1, Sanford, Florida, address, and would not know that he is presently in Marietta, Georgia. He stated his father, STEVEN C. DOWDA, presently resides at 110 South Chandler Street, Deland, Florida, and that anyone inquiring for him at Sanford, Florida, would be sent to Deland, Florida. DOWDA claims he has not been contacted by RAY and has heard nothing to indicate RAY has attempted to contact him. He stated RAY had talked about traveling over all the United States, but had never mentioned anything which would indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. DOWDA stated the only other prisoner he knew who was from the State of Georgia, who was an inmate at the Missouri State Prison was one JERRY WHITE from Calhoun, Georgia. He advised WHITE had a Federal detainer against him and believes WHITE is still incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA advised he had made a trip to California in November of 1967, and that he and his wife had spent Thanksgiving Day visiting her uncle, BOB GRAHAM, who resides at Palos Verdes, California. He stated GRAHAM is Regional Manager for IBM in that area. He stated that he and his wife had stopped at Jefferson City and while there, contacted a Missouri State Prison guard, Mr. "PETE" PETRIE. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning RAY and was not aware that RAY had escaped. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning inmates inasmuch as his wife did not know he was a former inmate of the Missouri State Prison. He stated he had stopped in the Kansas City, Missouri, area and attempted to locate PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., who had been in the Missouri State Prison as PAUL ALVIN CARTER. He stated LAIL had been released approximately a year before he had and that they had agreed to attempt to get together

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after their release from prison. He stated LAIL worked in the license shop at the Missouri State Prison and although he was acquainted with RAY, he did not believe LAIL was a particularly good friend of RAY. He stated after his return from California, he was contacted by PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR. He stated LAIL owns a home at 34 Barbodos Drive, Palm Springs, West Palm Beach, Florida, Telephone Number 965-4221. He stated LAIL in February of 1968 was out of a job and had come to Marietta, Georgia, looking for employment. He stated LAIL had come to Marietta, Georgia, with his wife and a small baby and had resided with DOWDA for approximately one and one-half weeks, leaving approximately two or three days after DOWDA was arrested, DOWDA having been arrested on March 4, 1968.

DOWDA advised he could recall nothing else concerning RAY which might assist in his location, but in the event he remembered anything additional, he would contact the FBI.

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

The airmail envelope, postmarked 4/7/68, 3100 St. Polten, addressed to Herrn (Mr.) Edgar Hoover, Direktor des FBI (FBI Director), Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A., bears the return address of:

Mr. Alois Buchner, Rentner
A 3195 Kernhof
Niederösterreich
Österreich (Austria)

Alois Buchner, Retired
A 3195 Kernhof
Lower Austria, Austria
April 26, 1968

Mr. Edgar Hoover, Director
FBI
Memphis, Tennessee
U.S.A.

I am 75 years old and have been dealing with metaphysics for more than twenty years now and have solved many problems or intricate cases. I have also located the whereabouts of many missing persons. I have discovered that only Eric Starvo Galt and no one else could be the murderer of Martin Luther King, that he doesn't have a false name and that he is staying in Florida.

In case you are interested in finding out more details, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Alois Buchner

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 9, 1968

AIRMAIL

Mr. Alois Buchner
A 3195 Kernhof
Lower Austria, Austria

Dear Mr. Buchner:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication
on May 7, 1968.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information
to my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

1 - Memphis - Enc. (44-1987)

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① - Atlanta - Enc.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letters were received from both Offices for translation; however, since the contents were substantially the same, only one letter was translated.

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Date: 5/7/68

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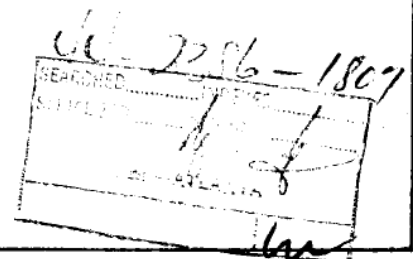
Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(00: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

2 - Memphis
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to assist Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

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In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

ATLANTA

RAY EASTERWOOD
139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga.
Room 219
One in Party
12/18/67

E. D. ELLIOTT
1610 Southland Circle, N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Room 202
One in party
12/19/67

N. R. HINEC
1610 Southland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia
One in party
12/19/67

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATTHEWS, JR.
2126 Mobry Road, Northeast
Atlanta, Ga.
Car - Pontiac, Georgia license 2511476
Room 214
Two in party
12/19/67

BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher
10820 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party
12/18/67

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON
200 Collinworth Drive
Rochester, New York
Room 222
Two in party
12/17/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER
126 Meadow Lane
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035
Room 207
Two in party
12/19/67

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CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE
P. O. Box 975, Evanston, Ill.
Car - Pontiac, Illinois license 85299
Room 215
12/18/67

EMIL F. MEIER
2514 Pioneer Road
Evanston, Ill.
Car - Buick, Illinois license BX 1449
Room 211
Two in party
12/19/67

CINCINNATI

GERSON POLASKY
123 North McNichen
Cincinnati, Ohio
12/18/67

DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER
2261 Rolling Green Road
Saginaw, Michigan
Car - Oldsmobile - Michigan license LP 5907
Room 118
Two in party
12/18/67 - 12/23/67

HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR.
213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas
License - Texas MYN 249
Room 106
Two in party
12/19/67

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JACKSONVILLE

G. L. POSTLETHWAIT
General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Car - Dodge, California license VF 451
Room 214
Two in party
12/18/67

MIAMI

W. H. RUNGLER (?)
2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Fla.
Car - Cadillac, Florida license 1WW11380
12/18/67

MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH
514 Ebony, Duluth, Minn.
Room 112
Two in party
12/17/67

MOBILE

Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL
301 Woodland Avenue
Mobile, Alabama
Room 117
Two in party
12/17/67

Lt. Col. WILLIAM P. FISHER
610 A Seventh Street
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Car - Pontiac, Alabama license 3-2541
Room 108
Two in party
12/19/67

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NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER
87 Soundview Drive
Port Jefferson, New York
Car - Oldsmobile - New York license
Room 101
Two in party
12/18/67

OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES
1231 South Owasso
Tulsa, Oklahoma
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party
12/18/67

PITTSBURGH

GORDON WELLMAN
132 Forest Court
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110
12/19/67

AUSTIN L. CONWAY
328 Highland Pines Drive
Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania
Room 102
One in party
12/19/67

SAN DIEGO

STEVE FULLER
4077 Hamilton Street, San Diego, Calif.
Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

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SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge
311 Fayette Street
Peoria, Illinois
Car - Buick, Illinois license 3281
Room 212
Three in party
12/17/67

NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH
Belle Chasse, Louisiana
Room 108
12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar, Louisiana license 29B986
Room 205
Two in party
12/19/67.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA SCOTT T. FENSTERMAKER:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

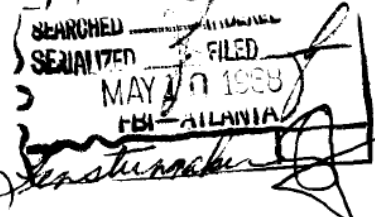
On May 4, 1968, Mrs. GEORGE PHILLIPS, 84 Twelfth Street, (ASKED THAT HER IDENTITY BE PROTECTED), advised as follows:

ULYSSES LAMB, also known as BUDDY, had moved into her rooming house at the above address on about January 11, 1968, and left there around February 8, 1968. He had worked at ~~Harper~~ Johns, 1859 Peachtree Street, as a cook; however, he quit the job there shortly before he moved out and worked for several days at a restaurant next to the motel, which is across Seventh Street from the Peachtree-Seventh Building. When he moved out, he said he was going to work at a barber shop in Riverdale.

When LAMB moved in, he said he had a television set, but he never moved it in. As far as PHILLIPS knows, LAMB had no car. The only friend that LAMB ever mentioned was a girl he had met named CORA. One night he had a fight with another boarder, an alcoholic named KIRK RUMPF. RUMPF's current residence is 3729 Clairmont. While LAMB lived in Mrs. PHILLIPS' boarding-house, PHILLIPS considered he acted suspicious since he never talked about his past and seemed to think that someone was "after him".

LAMB is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	35 to 40
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Scars and Marks	None noticeable



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PHILLIPS was impressed by LAMB's resemblance of the published pictures of JAMES EARL RAY.

Several days after the KING funeral, PHILLIPS received a call from a person who identified herself as a girl friend of LAMB, named CORA MERRITT, telephone number 753-9007. This caller advised as follows:

She was calling to inquire about LAMB's whereabouts, and she called Mrs. PHILLIPS ~~to see if~~ ^{since} she knew that LAMB used to live at that address. LAMB had told her that he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING and asked her to hide him. He said he had stolen a white Mustang to do it. ~~The caller said~~ He had told her this before news of the white Mustang had been publicized. ~~The caller said~~ She had told a boyfriend about this and he had in turn told the FBI. When she was questioned by the FBI, she denied that LAMB had ever told her this since she felt that there was nothing to it. LAMB had also told her he had previously stolen a car in Riverdale and had taken it to Spartanburg, North Carolina.

A boarder, ROGER SESSIONS, has seen a man walk by the house, which he believes is JAMES EARL RAY. Mrs. PHILLIPS had seen him also and thinks he resembles the photographs of RAY and also resembles LAMB. It is possible he is LAMB, but Mrs. PHILLIPS is not sure.

The Atlanta Telephone Directory lists a CORA MARTIN MERRITT at 1627 Orlando, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 753-9007.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA DONALD F. TACKITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In connection with the safe deposit box check in captioned matter, on 5/10/68, SA TACKITT determined that a Mrs. CASSIE PACK rented safe deposit box [REDACTED] on 3/18/68, at the First National Bank of Atlanta, 2 Peachtree Street, N.E.

A review of safe deposit card determined this is a joint safe deposit box including the name THOMAS V. PACK.

Mrs. PACK listed her employment as a waitress at Mary Mac's Tearoom, 224 Ponce de Leon, N.E., phone 875-4337, and her residence as 1007 Highland View, N.E., phone 876-2027. The above safe deposit box has been entered, according to the records of the bank, on two occasions since it was opened. These dates are 4/2 and 4/12/68, and on both occasions, the entry was made by Mrs. PACK.

It was determined by SA TACKITT that the PACKs do not have a checking or savings account with the First National Bank of Atlanta. The 1966 City Directory shows THOMAS V. PACK, wife CASSIE B., as residing at 1007 Highland View, N.E., and employment for THOMAS listed as Superintendent Flint, Inc.

Review of office indices indicated a reference in December, 1963, to T. V. PACK, AT file 105-763, Serial 812. This file is captioned, "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, RM."

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The above serial is dated 11/22/63, and is a memo from SA CARL E. CLAIBORN to the SAC. This memo reports that an auto driven by ROBERT BOWLING and carrying JERRY DUTTON as a passenger, was stopped on Highway 78 near Heflin, Ala., on 10/10/63, and BOWLING was arrested by the Alabama Highway Patrol on a charge of "carrying concealed weapon." It was noted BOWLING and DUTTON had considerable material in their possession and lists some of the material.

The memo notes that a package containing 58 addressed envelopes was in this auto. It is believed these individuals are subscribers to the "Thunderbolt" in the Atlanta area. One of the names listed is T. V. PACK, 1007 Highland View, N.E., Atlanta 6, Ga.

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Conduct investigation concerning THOMAS V. PACK in effort to determine if he has any connection with captioned case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA ALDEN F. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: AIRLINES INVESTIGATIONS

NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES

On dates shown, the manifests for all Northwest Orient flights departing Atlanta, Georgia, were checked for subject's name and all known aliases, in effort to determine if he did fly via this airlines. Also checked were those passengers who had reservations and did not show for flight as well as those that boarded at the gate without prior reservation.

All flights of April 5, 6, 11 and 12, 1968, were checked on 4/30/68, through the assistance of Miss GLORIA MOCK, Reservations Supervisor, Airport.

All flights on 4/7, 8, 9 and 10/68 were checked on 5/8/68, with negative results.

TRANSWORLD AIRLINES

On 4/30/68, Mr. T. PAUL AKINS, Transworld Airlines, made available TWA manifests for 4/5, 6, 11 and 12/68. On 5/8/68, Mr. AKINS made available Manifests for their daily three flights on 4/7, 8, 9 and 10/68, as well as four chartered flights on 4/9/68. No record was located of subject under any of his aliases on any of these flights.

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Airtel

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel of 5/2/68, submitting a sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, Q315, and a typewritten advertisement, Q316.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q315. No latent impressions of value developed on Q316. The three latent fingerprints on Q315 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q315, Q316, and a copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press," which was also submitted, are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Disposition of a photograph of Eric S. Galt, which was also submitted, separate.

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1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562332 JK

Specimens received 5/4/68

Q312 White envelope postmarked "Los Angeles May 1 1968 PM"
addressed to "Editor in chief The Los Angeles Times
Newspaper Los Angeles, California"

Q313 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning
"Dear Editor, By the time..." ending "...never kill
again." signed "James Ray"

K252 Los Angeles, California, Police Department Booking Card
bearing known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q312 and Q313 are
not identical with the typewritten impressions appearing on
items previously received in this matter in the name Eric S.
Galt.

Although significant handwriting differences were
noted between the "James Ray" signature on Q313 when compared
with the available known signatures of James Earl Ray, because
a portion of the questioned signature is overwritten and
because of the limited nature of the questioned writing
involved, a definite opinion could not be reached as to whether
the questioned signature on Q313 was prepared by Ray.

No watermarks, indented writing or other identifying
features were noted on Q312 and Q313 which might indicate
their immediate source.

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Specimens Q312 and Q313 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Photographs will be added to this file for future reference.

The spelling, punctuation and typing habits of the individual who prepared Q312 and Q313 were found at variance with similar aspects of typewritten material previously received in the name Eric S. Galt and also in the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

The submitted evidence has been photographed and is returned herewith.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 8, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562322 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 5/3/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/4/68.

**DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE
PAGE(S) INFORMATION IN
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

**2 - Los Angeles Enclosures (5) (Q312, Q313, K252, 2 Lab report)
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① - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

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To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enc. (2)
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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtels 5-2-68, submitting a matchbook
and a Hertz rental agreement, Q311, for examination.

No latent impressions of value found or developed
on the matchbook or rental agreement, which are enclosed to
Atlanta.

Results of laboratory examination of the rental
agreement furnished separately.

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To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosures (19)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5/2/68, submitting nineteen cards bearing forty-one transparent lifts of latent impressions from the files of the Gwinnett County Police Department, Lawrenceville, Georgia, for examination.

The latent impressions appearing on these lifts are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The cards bearing the lifts are enclosed to Atlanta. These latent prints have not been photographed.

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W. [Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA

On 5/2/68, BILLY DINK CHUMLEY, Room 106, Avon Hotel, 5 Houston Street, Atlanta, advised that on 4/2/67, he had left Oklahoma City, planning to come to Atlanta, and remembers this date, as it was his sister's birthday. He stated on the morning of 4/3/67, he picked up LEWIE DOWDA, approximately 25 miles east of Memphis, Tenn., who was hitchhiking. He advised DOWDA told him he had been in Missouri and was then on his way to Marietta, Ga. He told him he had been enroute to St. Louis, Mo., and his Nash Rambler station wagon had broken down, causing him to leave his belongings in the auto. He advised a truck driver had given him a ride from Missouri to Memphis and that he had gotten into Memphis early that morning. DOWDA told him to come to Marietta, Ga., and he would give CHUMLEY a job. CHUMLEY stated he stayed for approximately one week in the rooming house located one block south of W. Dixie Street, Marietta, Ga., and then moved into Mrs. JOHNSON's home on W. Dixie Street, where DOWDA was also staying. He stated DOWDA had gone to work for Hembrie Construction Co. for approximately one or two weeks, then worked for Marietta Cab Co and then for Bonanza Sirloin Steak Restaurant. He advised he was very close to DOWDA and saw him every day from April to September, 1967. He advised DOWDA had told him that approximately five years ago he, DOWDA, had robbed a grocery store on Roswell Road, Marietta, stolen a car in Atlanta and then picked up a girl friend who worked at a bar on Atlanta Avenue and took her with him to New Orleans, Shreveport and Chicago. He left the car in Chicago. He stated he believes DOWDA had also gone to California on this occasion. CHUMLEY identified the girl with DOWDA as CAROL, who is now

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married and works in the grocery department at the K-Mart in Marietta, Ga. He described her as being approximately 5' 2", slender build and having black hair. He stated her husband works in the paint department of this same K-Mart.

CHUMLEY stated during the time he was associated with DOWDA, DOWDA would work and stay awake approximately 23 hours a day, sleeping only about a hour. He stated DOWDA used his 1955 Buick and spent most of his free time at the Midway Bar, located between Marietta and Smyrna, Georgia. DOWDA associated with two individuals known to him only as ROY and GENE and described them as follows:

ROY is a white male, approximately 5' 6", 165 pounds 27 - 28 years of age, brown wavy hair and has a "big, loud mouth." He is not employed.

GENE worked for a wholesale grocery that has most of its items refrigerated, having worked for this company approximately 10 years. He is always "pilled up," and a white male, 27 to 28 years of age, 5' 6", sandy hair which is thinning, ruddy complexion, and 155 pounds. He advised ROY and GENE stayed most of the time in an apartment with two "big fat girls" who live near the Midway Bar and Grill. He advised these girls were also on pills. He advised on one occasion, he told CHUMLEY that he had some pills he had to get rid of. He stated he had observed DOWDA with pills, some of which were "bennies", a red capsule and some small white pills which resembled glycerine pills. He advised he had never seen DOWDA with any great quantity of pills. He stated DOWDA had asked him in the past if he wanted any pills, but CHUMLEY refused. CHUMLEY recalled that in either April or May, 1967, DOWDA had asked him to go with him to Mexico, across from Brownsville, Texas, where they were to get some pills. He stated DOWDA asked him on at least

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three or four occasions to go to this place and each time it had been after DOWDA had been to the Midway Bar and Grill or had been talking to ROY and GENE. CHUMLEY advised that after DOWDA had wrecked CHUMLEY's Buick auto, DOWDA obtained the blue Mustang which DOWDA claimed had been given to him by BECKY (LNU), a nurses aide on the night shift at the Kennesaw Hospital, Marietta, Ga. He stated BECKY works mornings at the Dixie Drive-in in Marietta. She has a German girl friend who also works at the Dixie Drive-in and who also told CHUMLEY that BECKY had given DOWDA the Mustang. CHUMLEY stated he learned DOWDA had sold the Mustang after he had married SHARON, who had a Volkswagen.

CHUMLEY stated on one occasion, DOWDA had told him he was enroute to the Ozarks when his Rambler station wagon had broken down. He advised DOWDA hated MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and RAP BROWN. He stated DOWDA had made the statement that he ought to kill KING and BROWN. He advised DOWDA would go "into a trance" when he heard people talk about Negroes demonstrating. He stated he had never seen any literature in DOWDA's possession from any hate-type organization. CHUMLEY stated DOWDA is a staunch GEORGE WALLACE man. He advised DOWDA writes western music, western poetry and listens to western-type music on the radio, playing Radio Station WPLO constantly, even while sleeping.

CHUMLEY stated he had left Marietta, Ga. around the first of September, 1967, having gone to South Carolina and then returned to Oklahoma City. He advised he returned to Atlanta on or about 2/13 or 2/18/68, and in February, 1968, had gone to see DOWDA, inasmuch as DOWDA had promised to pay him for the Buick he had wrecked. He stated he was unable to get any money from DOWDA. He stated on this occasion, DOWDA had told him about going to California with his wife,

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SHARON to visit some relatives. He stated DOWDA told him on the trip he had gone through Oklahoma City and attempted to contact CHUMLEY, but could not find him. DOWDA told him that he, DOWDA, had traveled through Missouri, Texas and California, but did not mention anyone he had contacted in these areas. On this occasion, DOWDA had mentioned to him about working in a restaurant in a drug store in Atlanta, Ga.

CHUMLEY stated DOWDA, on one occasion, had told him about an armed robbery DOWDA had admitted to with two others persons involved, in Missouri, but DOWDA claimed he had not served time for his robbery.

CHUMLEY advised the only trouble he had ever been in was in 1955 or 1956 when he was arrested in Woodward, Okla., for child desertion and abandonment and served a five-year suspended sentence.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA HARRY L. LEE .

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/8/68, Mr. FRED SALTER, Manager of the Atlanta Federal Savings and Loan Association, 10th Street Office, called the Atlanta Office stating that he had some information he thought might be pertinent to captioned case.

Mr. SALTER was immediately contacted by SAs HEINEMAN and LEE and he furnished the following data:

An individual named CVETAN TODOROV, who furnished an address as care of B. J. REYNOLDS, 1331 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, opened a savings account with the Atlanta Federal Savings and Loan Association on 4/29/68, with a small deposit. He gave his Social Security Number as [redacted] and said that he wished the Atlanta Federal Savings and Loan Association to transfer funds he had in the California Federal Savings and Loan Association, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif., to the account at the Atlanta Federal Savings and Loan Association. Mr. SALTER said this was done and the amount was a substantial sum.

At the same time, TODOROV requested that additional funds he had available in the People's Savings and Loan Association in Nashville, Tenn., be transferred to this same account. Mr. SALTER said this was done although the amount was extremely small.

Mr. SALTER said this man did not resemble the photographs he has observed of JAMES EARL RAY, but he thought that because of the connections, both in Nashville and in Los Angeles, Calif., TODOROV might

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have some connection with this matter.

Mr. SALTER said further that TODOROV reappeared at the Atlanta Federal Savings and Loan Association on 5/8/68, saying he had lost his passbook and he then requested that a new account be opened. This was done and at this time, he furnished an address of 301 Shrewsbury Court, New Orleans, La. At the same time he deposited two small checks in this account and it was noted from an examination of these checks that these were both local checks and were apparently in re-payment for magazine subscription sales.

Mr. SALTER then said that he recalled that TODOROV had said he was in the magazine subscription sales business and traveled extensively. Mr. SALTER said that TODOROV was met by a second unknown white male on the morning of 5/8/68, and that this man was waiting for TODOROV outside the bank. Mr. SALTER did not believe TODOROV or the other white male particularly resembled JAMES EARL RAY and he said, in fact, that TODOROV spoke with such a heavy foreign accent, he did not believe it possible that there could be any connection in this case.

It would appear that there is no additional investigation required in this matter and this data is being furnished solely as a matter of record.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA JACK M. WEBRECK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

4/22/68. Re Supv. CHARLES S. HARDING memo to all Agents

On the indicated date, the following persons were contacted and the wanted flyer for JAMES EARL RAY, Number 442A, was displayed to them with none being able to recall ever seeing this person:

On 4/23/68:

E. C. PALMOUR
Station Manager
Rome Airport
Rome, Georgia

BLAKE BROCK
Southern Railroad Depot
Rome, Georgia

L. T. PHILLIPS
Andrew's Taxi Company
Rome, Georgia

B. V. ALLEN
Allen Taxi Company
Rome, Georgia

Mrs. ANN FREE
Manager
National Car Rental Service
Downtown Rome, Georgia

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Airport Rental
Rome, Georgia

H. H. RUSSELL
Russell Used Cars
Rome, Georgia

TOM PAYNE
Payne's Used Cars
Rome, Georgia

W. C. CANTRELL
Gold Seal Motors
Rome, Georgia

WARREN LINDSEY
Lindsey Motors
Rome, Georgia

JAY EPPERSON
Atkins Motors
Rome, Georgia

BURT GASTON
Andrews Motors
Rome, Georgia

JAMES ELLISON
Ellison Motors
Rome, Georgia

CARL REED
Sales Manager
Julian Harrison Ford
Rome, Georgia

S. H. LANGLEY
Sales Manager
Rome Automobile Company
Rome, Georgia